

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:14

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DISCUSSIONS WITH HURRIYAT CONFERENCE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made a fresh move to bring Hurriyat Conference on the discussion table;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Hurriyat Conference thereon; and
- (d) the details of the discussions, if any, held and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): The Government is committed to carry forward a dialogue with all groups and with different shades of opinion in Jammu & Kashmir on a sustained basis, in consultation with the democratically elected State Government. During their visit to Jammu & Kashmir in November 2004, the Prime Minister and the Home Minister reiterated the Government's commitment to an unconditional dialogue with anyone and everyone in the State who eschews the path of violence.

(c): The Hurriyat Conference has not responded positively so far.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.